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VOL. I.

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No. 2.

A PRACTICAL CARD-BOARD ALBUM.

BY VACAROO.

No doubt a good many of my fellow collectors have reached that stage in their collecting career where they want to experiment with albums. I know I have passed through it.

I mean to describe a practical card-board album, one that you can carry with you, and the leaves can be arranged to suit yourself; and it should not cost over \$2.00 at the most.

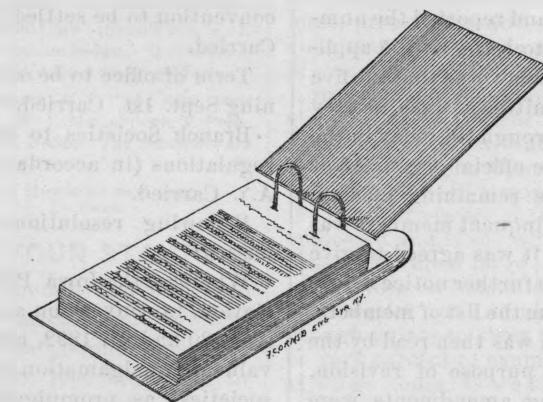
Procure of your dealer in office supplies a letter file, then go to your book-binder and have him make you sheets

cover of a book, which is to be laid on top of the sheets as a sort of weight to keep them down.

Now all that is required is the stamps and some hinges and your album is complete. The stamps should be on one side of the sheet only and any sheet can be removed almost instantly.

Pure white or cream colored board is the best, though some say black is good. I have tried both and like the white best. The black shows off the perforation good and if a stamp happens to be torn that is shown much plainer than it would if the paper was white.

Postal cards could be mounted



say 8 x 10 inches in size and to protect the holes made in the board by brass eyelets, also have him make a very heavy outer cover, something like the

very well this way by fastening a hinge on the edge of the card and punching the holes through the hinge.

IOWA PHILATELIC CONVENTION.

The first annual convention of the Iowa Philatelic Association met in the parlors of the Goldstone House, Aug. 30, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The following members were present: Whittemore, Jones, Cornell, Newsome, Stilson, Stanley, McNeil, Schramm, Ilgenfritz, Hervey, Smouse, Ankeny and Jackson.

In the absence of both Pres. and Vice Pres., Mr. Whittemore was elected to act as chairman of the convention. The roll was then called and following committees were appointed: on Order of Business, Jones, Stilson and Newsome; on Credentials, Cornell and Jackson. The reports of these committees being read and approved, Secretary Ilgenfritz gave a short history of the organization and beginning of the Association, and reported the number of members to be 54 with 5 applications. It was then voted that the five applicants be admitted at once, as they were excluded through the delay in the publication of the official organ. After the reports of the remaining officers, the subject of delinquent members was brought up, and it was agreed to give each one ten days further notice before dropping him from the list of members. The Constitution was then read by the secretary for the purpose of revision, and the following amendments were proposed by members:

Age of applicants to be at least 16. Not carried.

Charges against members to be referred to the governing Committee.

Carried.

Convention then adjourned until Aug. 31, at 1.30, P. M.

SECOND DAY.

When the convention re-assembled, letters from various philatelists, and a poem by Cleve Scott, addressed to the I. P. A. were read.

The reading of the Constitution was then continued, and the following amendments were proposed:

Fifth man of Governing Committee to be elected by members. Carried.

A resolution was then passed approving all officers to be over 21 years of age.

The question of bonds for Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent was brought up, but dropped.

All elections to be held at the annual conventions. Carried.

Place and time of meeting of next convention to be settled by members. Carried.

Term of office to be one year, beginning Sept. 1st. Carried.

Branch Societies to fix their own regulations (in accordance with I. P. A.). Carried.

Following resolutions were then passed:

Whereas, the Iowa Philatelic Association, in convention at Des Moines, Aug. 30 and 31, 1892, recognizing the value of amalgamation of all national societies, as promulgated by Alvah Davison and P. M. Wolsieffer, to the cause of Philately, be it Resolved that we heartily endorse any actions leading to its fulfilment.

Furthermore, be it Resolved that

every member of the Iowa Philatelic Association should become a member of the American Philatelic Association.

Muscatine was unanimously selected for the place of the next annual convention.

Some stamps were then exhibited by various members, among which was Mr. Ilgenfritz's collection of U. S. Departments complete, lacking four, and some entire envelopes by Mr. Jackson.

A motion to adjourn was then passed and the first convention of the I. P. A. was at an end.

SIDE ISSUES.

The convention was very orderly from beginning to end.

Mr. Cornell, of Marshalltown, brought his Kodak along, and took a snap shot at the boys with a "Northwestern" car for a back-ground.

Two good collections of stamps were exhibited at the Iowa State Fair. Mr. Jones' containing 4500 varieties and Mr. Chase's containing about 3000. The latter was mounted in a blank album which was very beautifully ornamented with colored inks.

The "Eagle Philatelic Club" (Branch No. 2, I. P. A.) has adopted a unique badge. It consists of "E. P. C." made in script letters from gold wire.

The following officers of I. P. A. take their places Sept. 1: Pres., W. J. McCullough; V. Pres., S. G. Stein; Sec., J. A. Dolle. The remainder are the same as before.

Will meet you all at Muscatine next year.
C. JACKSON.

EXAMINE YOUR STAMPS.

This article, though instructive to both old and young collectors, is mainly intended for the younger class.

Persons who are just beginning to collect, and even some advance collectors, often fail to examine their stamps carefully, and by this means have let valuable stamps slip through their hands. I have been in this box

myself and can speak from experience. The very slightest difference in two stamps, which many collectors would pass over as worthless, makes one stamp worth one cent and the other \$10 or more. It may be a difference in watermarks, in perforation, in engraving or printing, sometimes, indeed, scarcely to be noticed without a microscope, yet it is there, and the lucky collector who obtains it will get a prize.

The same issue of stamps is printed sometimes from a lithographic stone, a wooden block or a steel engraved plate, and all these different modes of printing affect the prices of stamps. The paper, also, has much to do with the value of stamps. First, as regards to kind and quality. It may be wove or laid paper, of a good or poor quality. Second, the color of the paper affects the value. This is especially shown by comparing the prices of match, medicine, proprietary and other U. S. revenue stamps on white paper with the prices of same when on pink paper.

In unperfected stamps the collector should look to see whether a line was drawn between the stamps or not, for this may bring to light a fine prize. A collector of U. S. stamps should examine carefully to see if the stamps are embossed and if so, whether the embossing covers a large space or not. I might keep on indefinitely speaking of such marks, but I think I have given enough points to show that we should be very careful to examine our stamps as we go along, as we often will make an important find by it. I could cite instances where a discovery of a very slight difference has largely enriched the owner's collection, but it is not necessary in this article to do so.

Examine your stamps. KERR.

REVIEW.

Conducted by E. W. JULIAN, CHADRON, NEB. All Magazines wishing to be reviewed should send one to Cleve Scott, Central City, Neb. and E. W. Julian, Chadron, Neb.

One Dime appears regular now as it is the official organ of the Hoosier Philatelic Society. The Aug. No. contained two poems, and several minor articles, also the reports of the H.P.S. Sub. price, 15c per annum, published by C. H. Mekeel & Co., 1007-9-11 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Henry Grammel, 80 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

Mekeel's Weekly comes to hand every Wednesday. No comments are necessary on this excellent magazine as it is the stuff. \$1.00 per year, published by C. H. Mekeel & Co., 1007-9-11 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Another of Mekeel's excellent journals is the Philatelic Journal of America. The latest copy we have is the June No., but if the later numbers come up to it they are excellent. Put us on your exchange list Bro. Mekeel. Price per annum, \$1.00.

The Golden Star is published by the Golden Star Pub. Co., Taunton, Mass., at the low price of 20c per year. The August No. contains articles entitled, "The Stamp Doctor", "A Glimpse in the Future", "Philatelics", editorials, etc.

The American Philatelist and Collector, Marlborough, Mass., contains several short articles and crisp editorials. Sub. price 25c per year.

The Philatelic Tribune comes to our office every two weeks. The last No. is filled with personals which are very interesting. Published by F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y., at 30c per year.

The Eastern Philatelist is the paper. The Aug. No. contains "My Temptation", "Auld Lang Syne", and several short articles, together with Bro. Pinkham's crisp editorials which would make a readable magazine by themselves. Published by F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H. at 25c per year.

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We would like to exchange with all papers devoted to Stamp Collecting.

Chicago Stamp News is a paper published by S. B. Bradt Co., Chicago, Ill. and is sent free to all applicants. The Aug. No. contains a description of their business, also giving portraits of S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer the leading members of the firm.

The Western Philatelist is published at Ilgenwood, Ill., at the sub. price of 15c per year. The Aug. No. contains "Consolidation—The Outlook", "The A. P. A.", Notes, Editorials, etc.

Every stamp collector and philatelist will miss something good unless they subscribe to THE NEBRASKA STAMP right away. You must read one of Roy F. Greene's most gifted articles. It will pay you and you can't feel good till you do.

Next month we will start "My Canada Cousin", by Roy F. which will continue for several months. This is one of Mr. Greene's best efforts and you should read it.

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We have some excellent MSS. and poems. Among the lot there are some composed by such writers as Roy F. Greene, E. P. Newcomer, Guy W. Green, Vacaroo, and J. P. Stetler, as well as other notables.

We have secured a regular Omaha correspondent to send us news every month and Mr. J. Percy Stetler will act as Altoona, Pa. correspondent. We will also soon have a regular N. Y. City correspondent.

We are here to stay, notwithstanding all conjectures of a speedy existence.

We will stay and wish your support.

MY FRIEND'S HOBBY AND MINE.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.

All the time you can spare from your business you devote to it. It is your main expense as far as unnecessary expenditure is concerned, and generally speaking it affords you your main relaxation. Is it not true?"

Sam was silent for a moment and then he said: "Perhaps it is."

"Well, if that is true, then Masonry is your hobby, and I defy you to disprove my assertion. And now that we have discovered that you possess one of the articles you have affected to despise so much, and since we have even decided exactly what the article is, let me compare your hobby and mine as to general benefits derived. You go over the country and meet men who know you on account of your Masonic connections; but they do not invite you to their homes; they do not share with you their bed and board. There is the commonplace greeting of recognition, not the impulsive clasp of an awakened friendship. I go over the country and am received by friends, invited to their homes, and eat at their board. For my hobby holds its devotees fast with the never failing links of an unbroken sympathy."

Samuel was becoming more interested and I continued:

"And then there is the expense to be considered. None but the wealthy can afford the enjoyments of Masonry.

Philately is for all. A Blue Lodge man is a nonentity; the poorest philatelist receives recognition.

"I do not affirm that you are foolish for following your inclinations. It is your right to do as you please. I do not wish to be centured and derided of my peculiarities. It is my privilege to act as I desire. Every individual must have some recreation. You have chosen yours, I have picked mine. Let us argue the matter no farther."

All the while my friend had been intently listening. When I concluded he jumped up with the exclamation, "Well, you are a terror when you get started on that subject, aren't you? And I don't know but what you speak a good deal of the truth too."

With that he was gone. I believe I impressed him somewhat with the validity of my arguments, even if I did not convert him to my way of thinking. Don't you agree with me? I know you do.

NOTES.

The first country in Asia to use postage stamps was India.

It now is under penalty of law to forge stamps in Germany.

During the past year 974,530 letters and postal cards were sent to the Canadian dead letter office.

The authorities of Honduras and Ceylon have taken measures to stop the speculative surcharges of these countries.

OMAHA NOTES.

In the July number of the Detroit Philatelist we find the following:

"As the thermometer begins to rise in the 90's, Neb. collectors begin laying their stamp albums away and completely break themselves away from old philately."

Evidently Mr. Crittenden is not very well acquainted in this part of the country, for Nebraska collectors do not lay away their albums, but the greater part, being of the wealthiest class, go north for the summer and take their collections with them, and when they return in the winter a glance through their albums will show that they have not been idle during the summer. This paper seems to contain nothing but Nebraska news, and yet it is published in Michigan. How is this? Is there not enough enthusiasm in Michigan to publish a paper with Michigan news?

Omaha has one of the best stamp markets in the west. There being 200 odd collectors here, besides double the number of coin collectors.

Mr. William Hendricks is one of Omaha's most enthusiastic collectors. He has a very fine collection of Revenues, needing only three to make them complete, and is looking out for them.

It is almost impossible for any one to buy any U. S. stamps here. There is plenty but all are holding them.

Mr. J. G. Cortelyou is making a

specialty of entire envelopes, unused and used adhesives of the U. S.

A curiosity recently came to the hands of Mr. William Hopson. One morning while down town he happened to pick up an envelope on which was pasted the current two-cent stamp but instead of being red it was a deep brown. He also has in his collection a 1861-3 cent pink stamp with the postmark Omaha City, July 24, 1861. As there were not many stamps sold in Omaha then he holds it as a curiosity.

Mr. Duensing, of New York City, recently paid us a visit. He has a great number of revenues, some of which run up quite high in the catalogue. He also has a \$4 gold piece, which is an exceedingly fine copy. He holds it at \$100.

Collectors should beware of the fac-similes of the U. S. State stamps and Newspaper stamps, as they are photographic forgeries made in Germany, and if found in your possession you are liable to find yourself behind the bars. Quite a number of sets of the fac-simile newspaper stamps are in this city. One person having 10 to 20 sets of them.

The next issue of United States stamps will probably contain a 12c, 25c, 50c and \$1 stamp. These would prove much more convenient than the values now in use and let us hope they will be more artistic than the cheap lot now inflicted upon us.—STAR.

NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.
ORGANIZED APRIL, 1892.

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Applications:

Cleve Briggs, Lincoln, Neb.

References: Elmer Hobben, Lincoln;
E. V. Pike, Lincoln.

The above member will be admitted
Sept. 20th, if no objections are made.

I am ashamed to present in this report only one applicant, but as several blanks have been sent out I trust that I may present a much larger one next time. We cordially invite all collectors to join our society. Our dues are small, only 10c initiation and 25 cents yearly. I think that the yearly dues

will soon be raised. Our Exchange and Auction Dept's. are now running and both departments are presided over by competent men. The Library, too, I think, will soon be established, and with Bro. Green at the head will rapidly come to the front. Now let every collector who receives this paper send his initiation fee to the Sec'y and receive a blank. Would also like for collectors to be more prompt in filling them out and returning them. I wish to publicly thank Mr. C. A. Gordinier, Fairfield, Neb., for artistic job of printing he did on our membership cards. I would recommend Mr. Gordinier to any one who wishes first-class printing done. Mr. L. T. Brodstone and E. W. Julian, the founding members, are at work on the constitution and will probably be ready for print in next number. Let everybody join our society, especially Nebraska collectors. Support your own state society. Address, for application blanks, etc., the secretary,

E. W. JULIAN, Chadron, Neb.

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The Exchange Department of the N. P. S. is now in running order. Exchange books, holding 80 stamps, can be had of the department at 10 cents each, or 3 books for 25 cents. Members having duplicates will find it to their advantage to patronize the department. Members intending to use the department please act promptly and start the ball rolling.

FRANK M. TESSIER, Ex. Supt.,
Sutton, Neb.

THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

ARKANSAS CITY, KANS., Aug. 17, '92.

Dear Friend Cleve:

There came to my sanctum a messenger fair,
I siege it quite eagerly, read it with care;
I find it the best of the kind I have seen,
And of Northwestern journals its truly the Queen.
Relating the news in Philately's domain,
From Pacific to Atlantic and Oregon to Maine,
And filled with choice articles from all gifted pens,
And the careful attention the Editor lends;
Its make-up is perfect, and I know its no tramp,
Dejected and "bunny", —THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

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I had my story all ready to send you when I upset the bottle of ink and ruined it. I shall copy it over to-night and send it to-morrow or next day. I thank you for neat "ad" you gave me in "Stamp". I can say nothing more about it but what I expressed in verse. It's a dandy and no mistake.

My best hopes for success.

Roy F. Greene.

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SOME TIPS

ON

ROY FARREL GREENE.

Arkansas City has a poetic genius. The following tribute to a man in sorrow is from the pen of Mr. Roy F. Greene, and it shows him to be a writer of no mean ability. We understand this young man has contributed several ditties to some of our noted journals and periodicals, among them a continued story. Striking Paying Dirt appeared in the last issue of the Great Divide, a paper published at Denver, Colo., in the interest of miners, from which we copied:

STRIKING PAYING DIRT.

The world is mighty apt to frown,
Put on a look of scorn
To a man when sorrow comes his,
When weeds are in his corn;
But don't forget that a pleasant smile
Never did man any hurt;
Lift him up, and ten to one
He'll soon strike "paying dirt."

This world has grown so selfish
In the race for fame and pelf,
Each man's life is now absorbed
In this one topic—self.
You know that many a second horse
Has won in the final spurt,
So when a man's encouraged
He'll soon strike "paying dirt."

Many a man has dropped his pick,
His shovel and his pan,
And left the diggings quickly,
A sadder, wiser man,
Because his creditor pushed him hard,
And talked quite rude and curt,
When, if he'd struck his pick once more
He'd revealed the "paying dirt."

The only moral I could give,
Would surely be unheeded.
But failures oft have come to light
When only hope was needed,
So, don't you curse the miner—
'Tis almost sure to hurt—
When, by a manly smile and word,
He'll soon strike "paying dirt."

Arkansas City, Kan.

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Roy F. Greene has purchased the Eagle Philatelist, of Kansas City, Kansas, from M. A. Swanbeck, and will issue the first number under the new management the first of August. The journal will hereafter be published in Arkansas City.

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The above was clipped from the Weekly Border Bulletin, of Arkansas City, Kansas.

FOR THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

A NEW ERA IN TRANS ATLANTIC POSTAGE.

BY J. HENRY THOMAS.

The "New Postal Subsidy Act", as narrated by me in the March number of "One Dime", has already borne undescribable good fruits, as I will relate in this chapter.

Congressman Cockran recently introduced a bill to Congress by the urgent request of the International Steamship Co., asking for the registering of the two British sister ships, the City of New York and the City of Paris, to American registry. These vessels are two of the largest and finest steamships afloat; they are operated and owned by the Inman Line, a branch of the International Steamship Co., and ply between New York and Liverpool.

The "City of Paris" is the quickest steamship afloat, having recently wrested the laurels from the White Star steamship "Tentonic", in the remarkable fast run across the ocean, having completed the course in exactly 5 days, 15 hours, 58 minutes, or 33 minutes better than the "Tentonic's" fastest time; the "City of Paris" thereby being crowned the "Queen of the Ocean". Such an acquisition under the Stars and Stripes can only too easily be imagined.

The bill passed through Congress, after receiving the regular additions, without much hesitation, the Senate also passed it by a good vote in its favor and was closely followed by the Presi-

dent's signature.

The conditions with which American registry was obtained, was as follows: ninety per cent. of the stock of the Company must be owned by Americans, which is the case with the Inman Line, the steamers henceforth must be manned by American citizens, and that the Company must contract to build in American ship yards, within a specified time, two or more steamships of 7000 tons register, and be of the same dimensions, or larger, than those of the steamships admitted, and be of equal or greater speed. The Inman Line are drawing plans for four new steamships, of larger dimensions than either the "City of Paris" or "City of New York", to be built in American ship yards, and to have a greater speed than the "Cunard flyers", now building, which, by the way, are expected to eclipse all steamships now afloat.

Notwithstanding their receiving American register, the owners cannot bid for the Mail Subsidy for these two steamships, on account of not being American built.

The Inman Line gave up a "fat plum" allowing these steamships to become Uncle Sam's property, as the British Government paid them a snug sum yearly, for so called Mail Subsidy, but the company expect to make this up, by the loyalty of the American traveling people, preferring to sail to the other side under their own flag.

There is no doubt but that the Inman Line shall carry the bulk of the mail to the Continent in the future.

TO BE CONTINUED.

FOR THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

A WORD ON SPECIALISM.

Young collectors should not be fooled by the rapid advance in prices of U. S. Remember U. S. is our own country and we are watching it very close, but while we are watching this particular field of philately do not let some one else slip in some other corner and take all the good stamps from some other. If you will take the trouble to compare the prices of the past and present prices of stamps of Canada, Bremen, Hamburg, Saxony and others that seem to be so cheap. The writer remembers being offered a "Red Saxony" only few years ago at 30 cents; a Connell at \$5.50; New South Wales, Sydney Views at 20 to 50 cents.

Do not let specialism blind you and make you throw away the good things you already have. If you have a good collection of foreign it will not do any hurt to keep them, even if you do not care to add more to it.

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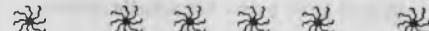
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